

## *The Italian Polyspecialistic Society of the Young Surgeons (SPIGC)*

The Italian Polyspecialistic Society of the Young Surgeons (SPIGC) is a 12-year-old association of surgeons founded in Naples in 1987, and guided by the original ideas of three young colleagues.

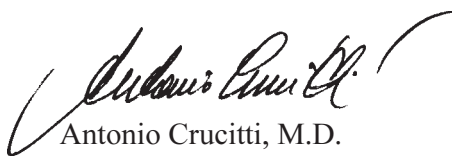
The Society consists of 2,000 surgeons from 18 different surgical specialties and, as a rule, all members are younger than 40 years old. The Society affiliates first-year residents from the different surgical specialties.

The Society's main purposes are the following: to promote the exchange of experiences between young residents, to give them the opportunity of presenting the results of their studies, to train them to organize surgical meetings, and further themselves in the surgical field.

This year, the XII Congress of SPIGC is taking place close to Rome, in S. Felice Circeo — a seaside town in the wonderful national park at the promontory of Circeo.

The scientific program includes a total of 45 sessions, i.e., oral presentations, satellite symposia, round tables, workshops and 2 sessions of live surgery. In addition, a satellite meeting, the fifth gathering of the Two Lions Club (Italian Polyspecialistic Group of Surgery), reserved to colleagues over 40, will take place.

The President, the Vice-President, all the Honorary, Scientific and Local Organizing committees of the XII Congress of the SPIGC are happy to welcome all the participants in S. Felice Circeo and will do their best to offer them a pleasant opportunity for scientific exchange and friendly aggregation.



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